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February 19, 2024

VIA ECF

Honorable Judge Cheryl L. Pollack
United States District Court
Eastern District of New York
225 Cadman Plaza East
Brooklyn, New York 11201

Re: *Estate of Willie Jackson v. County of Suffolk*
12-cv-01455 (AAR/CLP)
Our File No. CS9165JD

Dear Judge Pollack:

We are counsel for the defendants in the above-referenced action. We write to provide Your Honor with a furth updated status of the case. As previously reported by the parties' counsel, the parties intend to engage in continued mediation with Federal Mediator Patrick Michael McKenna.

As reported in our last status update, in addition to Mr. Brewington and my very active trial schedules, the Suffolk County Attorney's Office has recently changed administration and is coordinating the transfer and acclimation of new supervisory attorneys, including authority, policies and procedures. As a result, there has been a brief delay in coordinating precise settlement authority.

Once we receive final formal approval, we will coordinate a date with Mr. McKenna to go back into mediation. Accordingly, with the consent of plaintiff's counsel, we request that we be allowed three weeks to meet with the new County Attorney, to discuss formal approval for mediation and settlement authority, then confer and provide a status report to the Court.

Hon. Cheryl L. Pollack
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We thank the Court again for its continued consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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/s/ John M. Shields

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cc: All Counsel (*via ECF*)